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TAGS: EAID, VN, US

SUBJECT:AFSC APPLICATION FOR TREASURY LICENSE FOR PROCURE-
MENT OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE PRG

REF: SAIGON 8392

1. THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE HAS APPLIED TO THE TREASURY DEPT FOR A LICENSE TO PURCHASE ABROAD UP TO 300,000 DOLS OF (A) MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR VILLAGE OBSTETRICAL DELIVERIES AND FOR VILLAGE MEDICAL ATTENDANTS; (B) FOOD PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT (DIESEL TILLERS, HAND TRACTORS, LAND-USE ENGINES, FISHNET, AND TWINE) FOR DELIVERY TO PRG REPRESENTATIVES IN HANOI. FURTHER MOVEMENT OF THE ITEMS TO PRG-CONTROLLED AREAS OF SOUTH VIET-NAM WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRG.

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2. WE HAVE REVIEWED THIS APPLICATION AND ARE PREPARED TO RECOMMEND TO TREASURY THAT THE LICENSE BE GRANTED WITH THE PROVISIO THAT THE TREASURY RESPONSE TO AFSC SHOULD INDICATE ONLY THAT LICENSE IS BEING GRANTED FOR PROCUREMENT AND SHIPMENT OF THE ITEMS IN QUESTION TO NORTH VIET-NAM FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THE APPLICATION, WITHOUT MENTION OF THE PRG. (INCIDENTALLY, WE HAVE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SEPARATE AFSC REQUEST FOR EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF ITS 1971 LICENSE FOR SHIPMENT OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO NORTH VIET-NAM.

3. REQUEST YOU INFORM GVN AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION (PARA 2). YOU MIGHT POINT OUT THAT THE AFSC IS OF COURSE A PRIVATE AND NOT A GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, AND THAT THE FUNDS INVOLVED ARE ENTIRELY PRIVATE. YOU COULD ALSO NOTE THAT AFSC HAS SPENT IN EXCESS OF 1.4 MILLION DOLS ON QUAKER SERVICE REHABILITATION CENTER IN QUANG NGAI SINCE 1966.

4. YOU MIGHT ALSO WISH TO INFORM THE GVN THAT DURING DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER WITH AFSC, DEPTOFF SUGGESTED THAT AFSC CONSIDER ICRC/IOG AS CHANNEL FOR DELIVERY OF GOODS TO PRG. QUAKERS RESPONDED THAT FOR CONTROL PURPOSES THEY WISHED TO HANDLE THE TRANSACTION DIRECTLY WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF AN ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE BELIEVE AT THIS TIME WE SHOULD SEEK TO REACH FINAL UNDERSTANDING WITH GVN ON PREFERRED TACTICS RE CHANNELING OF AID TO PEOPLE IN PRG-CONTROLLED AREAS (REFTEL). THIS IS SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL. RUSH

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